Use care when curing tobacco

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Appomattox tobacco growers are in the process of harvesting one of the biggest and wettest crops in many years. A crop of this size is difficult to handle and more importantly it may be difficult to cure. Growers are urged to give tobacco plenty of room and to watch it closely to prevent "house burn."

House burned tobacco is low quality and undesirable. There is already plenty of this kind of tobacco in government stocks. Again this year tobacco growers are separated in the barn by the way they care for and manage the crop.

The Virginia Dark Fired Crop is estimated by the government at 4.8 million pounds or 1200 pounds per acre. I believe our yield will be considerably higher than this.

The Marketing Committee meets September 10 to set marketing dates, poundage allocations and designate staggered dates at the various markets. Watch for this information.

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Several weeks ago the Editor of The Flue Cured Tobacco Farmer was in the county to visit farms growing multi-type tobacco. The visit came in a response I made to an editorial suggesting that flue cured tobacco was more efficiently marketed than fire cured and, therefore, the grading fee should be less than specialty crops such as dark fired tobacco.

Calvin Harris, Director, Marketing Association, Carter Martin, Member of Fire Cured Tobacco Commission and Tom Hall, General Manager, Marketing Association, helped our visitor to better understand the tobacco farmer and his needs.

A recent communication indicates that the February or March issue will carry a story on the Appomattox tobacco farmer.

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Silage harvest is in full swing. As always, this is a good time to pull samples from different fields and different varieties to evaluate the quality. A few plastic bread bags are all that's needed to collect the samples. The information is a useful reference point for planning winter feeding programs.

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Fair time is upon us. Five County Fair is September 14-19 and the State Fair is September 24-October 4.

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25,000 feeder cattle are expected to be marketed through the organized sales this fall. If you plan to use this method for marketing, get them consigned early. Those consigned early will be assured of a place in the sale. Last year a few had to be turned down.

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Heard a speaker recently describe the price problem with cattle. He said, "It's the 55c brother and the $3.00 steak."

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Good News for Homemakers

Protect auto investment with attention

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Buying a car is one of the largest purchases the average consumer makes, second only to buying a home. It is most important to protect that investment by giving the vehicle the proper attention and care. Along with keeping the car in good mechanical condition, a regular cleaning will also help it last longer and look better.

When ready to wash, park the car out of the sun's direct rays and be sure that the metal surfaces are cold. Begin on the outside of the car by washing with a detergent solution or a special cleaner. Start with the roof and work down to the wheels. Use a hose to reach the underside of the car in order to remove damaging road scum that can corrode the parts of the car. Rinse the car thoroughly and dry, using a soft cloth such as an old bath towel. You may then want to treat the exterior to a waxing or polishing job.

Keep the chrome car trim sparkling with a specially formulated polish. Aluminum or polish steel may only require sudsy water for washing, but check the owner's manual for cleaning instructions. Restore textured or grained vinyl roofs or trim by scrubbing with a soft brush and a cleaner designed for vinyl. After cleaning, apply protective vinyl coating to enhance the color. Use a white sidewall tire cleaner to remove the grime and scuff from tires. Scrub with a stiff bristle brush or an abrasive soap pad, then rinse thoroughly. An abrasive cleanser may also be used to scrub the white sidewall tires.

To clean the inside of the car, first remove rubber or vinyl mats. Scrub with a detergent solution, rinse and dry thoroughly. Then vacuum the carpeting and upholstered areas. The product to use for cleaning the upholstery and carpeting will depend on the type of fabric. It may be a detergent solution or a specially formulated cleaner. Check the user's manual for specific care instructions.

Vinyl interiors can be cleaned with a cloth dipped in a detergent solution or a special vinyl cleaner. Use saddle soap or an equivalent for cleaning leather trim. Don't forget the seat belts which can be wiped with a detergent solution and water, then rinsed with a clean damp cloth.

For good visibility, clean windows frequently. All glass surfaces can be easily and quickly cleaned with a special cleaner. A good homemade solution of ammonia or vinegar and water can also be used. Wipe with a paper towel or absorbent cloth, rinse with clear water and buff with a paper towel or clean cloth.

Your car will look like new if you will take care of it. You will also find that the trade-in value on a vehicle is much better if it has been cared for properly.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or may write P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, VA 24522.

Have a good week!

Recipe of the Week

CRUNCHY BANANA CAKE
(see note below)
1 cup rolled oats
1½ cups confectioners' sugar
½ cup shredded coconut (see note below)
½ cup chopped pecans (see note below)
¼ cup butter
1 cup sour cream
3 eggs
1½ cups thinly sliced ripe bananas (2 bananas)
1 Pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix with pudding included
Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. Combine oats, sugar, coconut and pecans. Melt butter in a large skillet. Add oat mixture. Stir until mixture resembles a light-gold granola. Remove from skillet, and let

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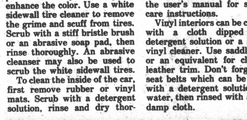

"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

Across my desk comes an announcement from American Agri-Women formed in 1974 announcing their Annual Meeting November 10-14 at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Exposed wood should get a water repellant preservative before painting. The preservative must dry thoroughly. Then aply an oil base primer and finally a finish coat.

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Students display fashion items

By JANE GUILL

Many 4-H'ers who participated in 4-H sewing classes this summer showed off their garments in the 1981 Appomattox County Fashion Revue. The fashion revue and canning contest were held August 20, at Appomattox County High School.

Forty-four 4-H'ers participated in the fashion revue this year. The theme was "A Rainbow of Fashion".

This year for the first time, the age divisions were arranged differently. There were three catagories instead of two.

In the Little Junior Division (ages 8 and under) Joy Wyle won first place. Joy modeled a wrap-around skirt. She won a sewing box from Popes. Second place went to Katie Powell who won sewing supplies also donated by Popes. Sherry Hackney was third-place winner and her prize was fabric donated by Sangil Garment Company, and Cynthia Wooldridge won a key ring for being the fourth-place winner.

Valerie Guill, who modeled a wool, wrap jumper, was the top winner in the Junior Division (ages 9-11). Valerie won half scholarship to 4-H camp, donated by the women's committee of the Farm Bureau, and fabric donated by Sangil. Second place went to Wendy McClenny, who also received a half scholarship to 4-H camp. Winning a sewing box from Leggett's was Sharla Kvasnicka, who placed third. Beth Marston won fourth place and also fabric from Sangil.

In the Intermediate Division, (ages 12-13) Cheryl Wooten, modeling a plaid dress won first place. She received a half scholarship to 4-H camp and fabric from Sangil.

Another half scholarship to 4-H camp went to P.D. Myrick, who placed second. Jo Anna Layne was the third-place winner and she received a $10 gift certificate from Stephen's. Placing fourth and winning a $10 gift certificate from The Clothesline was Jennifer Coleman.

Red ribbon winners were: Jennifer Alvis, Katrina Archer, Heather Bryan, Dinny Drinkard, Denise Drinkard, Melinda Fleshman, April Hackney, Tammy Irby, Robin Mann, Cindy Weaver, Tammy Weaver, Lloyd Wesley, Arlinda Wesley, and Renee Wesley.

Those who won blue ribbons were: April Archer, Wendy Archer, Kathy Bryan, Denny Drinkard, Christie Doss, Martha Haley, Dawn Hancock, Jennifer Jamerson, Latrese Lee, Walteice Lee, Stacey Myrick, Ann Nolen, Cheryl Simpson, Angela Thompson, Kathy White, Gayle Wooldridge and Latisha Wooten.

WINNERS IN THE Little Junior Division, Joy Wyle, Katie Powell, Sherry Hackney and Cynthia Wooldridge.

WINNERS IN THE Junior Division, Valerie Guill, Wendy McClenny, Sharla Kvasnicka, and Beth Marston.

WINNERS IN THE Intermediate Division Cheryl Wooten, P.D. Myrick, Jo Anna Layne, and Jennifer Coleman.

News for Homemakers

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cool. Preheat oven to 350°F. IN a large bowl, blend sour cream, eggs and bananas until smooth. Add cake mix, and beat with an electric mixer at medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour one third of the batter (2 cups) into prepared pan. Sprinkle with one third of the granola mixture. Repeat two more times, ending with granola mixture. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Invert onto a large plate, then invert again onto a serving plate. Note: You can substitute 1 package of coconut-pecan or coconut-almond mix (dry mix) for confectioners' sugar, coconut, and chopped pecans.

Hospital to offer birth classes during daytime

Virginia Baptist Hospital announces that Prepared Childbirth Classes will now be available during the daytime as well as during evening hours.

Beginning October 12 and running through November 19, these classes, which teach the Lamaze method of childbirth, will be taught on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The series of six classes will be taught by registered nurses who are nationally certified by the Council of Childbirth Education Specialists and are members of the Intgernational Childbirth Education Association.

Couples will learn about pregnancy and birth as well as relaxation and breathing techniques that allow the mother and father to take an active part in the birth of their child.

Fathers are required to attend these classes if they wish to attend the birth of their child. Mothers may attend classes alone if their partner does not wish to be present during labor and delivery.

Virginia Baptist Hospital believes in "family centered" maternity care and we encourage mothers and fathers to participate in both preparation for birth as well as labor and delivery.

The fee for the series of six classes is $50.00, and $20.00 for Refresher courses. For more information and registration, please call the Childbirth Education Department, Virginia Baptist Hospital, 384-4537, Nancy Sunner, R. N. CCE Coordinator.

Pamplin Elementary menu

Wed., Sept. 2 - Spaghetti, slaw, fruit, cookie, roll, milk.

Thurs., Sept. 3 - Sausage pattie, whipped potatoes, green peas, baked apples, biscuit, milk.

Friday, Sept. 4 - Batter dip fish, candided sweet poatoes, turnip greens, fruit, roll, milk.

Tues., Sept. 8 - Chuckwagon steak, green backeye peas, sliced tomato, sliced pineapple, milk.

Library hours extended

During the past year, the Appomattox County School Board has received numerous requests to open the County Library at least two Saturday mornings each month.

As a result of these requests, the school board has, on an experimental basis, established the following schedule for the County Library beginning Sept. 1 and extending through Dec. 31:

Regular daily schedule - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

Closed on first and third Monday of each month;

Opened second and fourth Sunday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon.

The school board encourages county citizens to use the library. It is anticipated that the Saturday morning schedule will be beneficial to a number of persons throughout the county.

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